

Septic System Abandonment Procedures

Foxborough Board of Health

When a septic system is abandoned in the Town of Foxborough the cesspool/s and/or septic tanks must be crushed and filled.

For systems being repaired or replaced: The abandonment is part of the disposal works permit to install the new septic system.

- The system must be pumped prior to the abandonment
- The abandoned system components should be noted on the proposed design plan to be crushed and filled
- These abandonments do not need to be witnessed by the Board of Health

For septic system abandonment to tie into Town sewer: An abandonment permit (Disposal Works Permit) must be pulled by a licensed installer (\$50.00)

- The Permit will not be issued without the following:
 - Signed by a licensed installer
 - \$50.00 fee has been paid
 - A copy of the sewer tie-in permit and trench permit is provided

The abandonment must be witnessed by the Board of Health

- Schedule the Abandonment with the Board of Health at least 2 days in advance
- The Board of Health must see the tank or cesspool pumped and then witnesses the crushing of the tank or cesspool.
- A certificate of Compliance will be issued by the Board of Health after witnessing the abandonment and a copy of the pump slip from the septic hauler is provided.

For systems serving a property that will be razed without replacement or tie-in: An abandonment permit (Disposal Works Permit) must be pulled by a licensed installer (\$50.00)

- The Permit will not be issued without the following:
 - Signed by a licensed installer
 - \$50.00 fee has been paid

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- The Board of Health must see the tank or cesspool pumped and then witnesses the crushing of the tank or cesspool.
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NOTE: Tanks and cesspools that are found to be in areas that make it difficult to crush and fill the Board of Health may approve the use of flowable fill. The use of flowable fill or any other abandonment options proposed by the contractor will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Board of Health prior to issuing the abandonment permit.